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1 - Introduction

Each Pan-Tilt Unit (PTU) from FLIR Motion Control Systems, Inc. includes a comprehensive set of available commands that give you full control over all functionality. The E Series of PTUs features an expanded command set for even more control options.

This *Pan-Tilt E Series Command Reference Manual* covers the software control interface for the following E Series PTUs:

- PTU-D48 E Series
- PTU-D100 E Series
- PTU-D300 E Series

Each PTU also includes a User Manual specific to that unit model (such as *PTU-D48 E-Series User Manual*). The User Manual describes the electrical and mechanical interfaces and includes general setup and use instructions.

The E Series command set described in this manual is backwards compatible with prior PTU models with the following exceptions:

- Range of motion command syntax has been updated (Section 6).
- Network commands have been added to support the Ethernet interface (Section 13).



Note: This manual is not intended for use with the PTU-D46 or PTU-D47. If you have a PTU-D46 or PTU-D47, please refer to the PTU-D46.47 Command Reference Manual.

1.1 – Safety

Please refer to and comply with all safety warnings contained in your PTU *User Manual*.

1.2 – E Series Features [Ⓔ]

The E Series of PTUs includes the following new features:

- Built-in Ethernet/Web IP interface for easy configuration, control, and diagnostics
- Improved power protection circuitry
- 32-pin base connector for simplified wiring
- Integrated digital encoder with feedback interface for more robust positioning
- Programmable ranges of motion
- Higher command rates with lower latency and jitter
- Reduced calibration movement

- Support for future integrated geo-pointing (GPM) and stabilization (ISM) functionality without the need for external hardware
- Full backward compatibility with previous PTU models

1.3 – About This Manual

This section describes the formatting conventions and information contained in this manual.

1.3.1 – Formatting Conventions

This manual uses several formatting conventions to present information of special importance.

Commands and other information that is new for the E Series PTUs include the “E” icon shown here.



Lists of items, points to consider, or procedures that do not need to be performed in a specific order appear in bullet format:

- Item 1
- Item 2

Procedures that must be followed in a specific order appear in numbered steps:

Perform this step first.

Perform this step second.

Specific keyboard keys are depicted in square brackets and are capitalized, for example: [ESC]. If more than one key should be pressed simultaneously, the notation will appear as [KEY1]+[KEY 2], for example [ALT]+[F4].

Interface elements such as document titles, fields, windows, tabs, buttons, commands, options, and icons appear in **bold** text.

Menus and submenus have the notation **Menu>Submenu**. For example, “Select **File>Save**” means that you should first open the **File** menu, and then select the **Save** option.

Specific commands appear in standard `Courier` font. Sequences of commands appear in the order in which you should execute them and include horizontal or vertical spaces between commands.

This manual also contains important safety information and instructions in specially formatted callouts with accompanying graphic symbols. These callouts and their symbols appear as follows throughout the manual:



WARNING: WARNINGS ALERT YOU TO THE POSSIBILITY OF PERSONAL INJURY OR DEATH IF THESE INSTRUCTIONS ARE NOT FOLLOWED.



CAUTION: CAUTIONS ALERT YOU TO THE POSSIBILITY OF EQUIPMENT OR PROPERTY DAMAGE IF THESE INSTRUCTIONS ARE NOT FOLLOWED.



Note: Notes provide helpful information.

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2 – Getting Started

This chapter describes the ASCII command syntax used when controlling a PTU via a serial connection, lists the available commands, and discusses power level and acceleration considerations. Please also refer to the “Quick Start” section in your PTU *User Manual* for information about getting your PTU up and running quickly.

2.1 – ASCII Command Syntax

A PTU uses both commands and queries. A command tells the PTU to do something (such as pan to a specific angle). A query asks the PTU to return the requested value (such as reporting the current pan angle).

The basic ASCII command syntax is `<command><parameter><delimiter>`, where:

- `<command>` is the actual command (such as PP for pan position),
- `<parameter>` is an alphanumeric value (such as the desired pan position), and
- `<delimiter>` is a character used to denote the end of a command. Valid delimiter characters can be either [SPACE] or [ENTER].

The basic ASCII query syntax is `<command><delimiter>`, where:

- `<command>` is the actual command (such as PP for pan position),
- `<delimiter>` is a character used to denote the end of a query. Valid delimiter characters can be either [SPACE] or [ENTER].

For example:

- **Command:** PP<position><delim> sets the desired absolute pan position.
- **Query:** PP<delim> returns the current absolute pan position.

Commands and queries return results that display on the terminal screen, as follows:

- A successfully executed command displays * on the terminal screen (where <CR> is a carriage return).
- A successfully executed query displays <QueryResult> (where <QueryResult> is the result of the query you just executed).
- A failed command displays ! <ErrorMessage> (where <ErrorMessage> describes the error encountered).
- A pan axis limit hit asynchronously displays !P.
- A tilt axis limit hit asynchronously displays !T.



Note: You may see one or multiple !P or !T errors. This is normal behavior.

This sample command sequence pans the PTU to the left, waits, and then pans it back to the right with queries after finishing each pan movement:

```
PP-2500 *  
A *  
PP * (Current Pan position is -2500 displays on the terminal screen)  
PP2500 *  
A *  
PP * (Current Pan position is 2500 displays on the terminal screen)
```

2.2 – Power Levels

Each FLIR PTU model can accept power within a permissible range of voltages. The ability of any PTU to successfully move the payload depends upon the inertial payload factors and their relationship to power supply voltage, unit speed, acceleration, position, motor torque, etc. In general, higher voltages allow the PTU to handle heavier payloads.

Your specific installation will determine the amount of voltage available to the PTU. You may then control how the PTU uses the available power for each axis when the payload is at rest (hold power) or in motion (move power) by specifying High, Regular, or Low power mode. Please refer to:

- Section 8.2 for information on setting the PTU move power.
- Section 8.1 for information on setting the PTU hold power.

Please also refer to your PTU *User Manual* and *Configuration Guide* for more information about permissible payload and power voltage ranges.

2.3 – Acceleration

You may also control the PTU acceleration. In general, lower acceleration settings place lower torque requirements on the PTU and mounting and allow heavier payloads to be mounted. Acceleration is measured in positions per second per second. Please see Section 4.3 for more information about setting acceleration.

2.4 – Serial Command List

These tables list the available serial commands. Please refer to later sections within this manual for complete information about the available commands and their usage.

2.4.1 – Position

The available position commands are:

CMD	DESCRIPTION	CMD	DESCRIPTION	CMD	DESCRIPTION
PP	Pan position	XS	Set preset	I	Immed. execution mode
TP	Tilt position	XG	Go to preset	S	Slaved mode
PO	Pan offset	XC	Clear preset	H	Halt all
TO	Tilt offset	M	Monitor	HP	Halt pan
PR	Pan resolution	ME	Monitor auto enable	HT	Halt tilt
TR	Tilt resolution	MD	Monitor auto disable		
A	Await	MQ	Monitor auto query		

Please see Section 3 for more information about the position commands.

2.4.2 – Speed

The available speed commands are:

CMD	DESCRIPTION	CMD	DESCRIPTION	CMD	DESCRIPTION
PS	Pan speed	TA	Tilt acceleration	TU	Tilt upper speed
TS	Tilt speed	PB	Pan base speed	TL	Tilt lower speed
PD	Pan speed offset	TB	Tilt base speed	C	Query control mode
TD	Tilt speed offset	PU	Pan upper speed	CI	Set to position control
PA	Pan acceleration	PL	Pan lower speed	CV	Set to velocity control

Please see Section 4 for more information about the speed commands.

2.4.3 – Continuous Axis Rotation

The available continuous axis rotation commands are:

CMD	DESCRIPTION	CMD	DESCRIPTION	CMD	DESCRIPTION
PC	Pan continuous	PCD	Pan continuous disable	PCE	Pan continuous enable

Please see Section 5 for more information about the continuous axis commands.

2.4.4 – Limits

The available limit commands are:

CMD	DESCRIPTION	CMD	DESCRIPTION	CMD	DESCRIPTION
PN	Minimum pan position	PNU	User-defined pan min.	L	Query limit status
PX	Maximum pan position	PXU	User-defined pan max.	LE	Enable limits ¹
TN	Minimum tilt position	TNU	User-defined tilt min.	LD	Disable limits ²
TX	Maximum tilt position	TXU	User-defined tilt max.	LU	User limits

NOTES

1: Factory limits.

2: This command is retained for backward compatibility. For E Series PTUs, it is best to either use continuous pan mode to exceed limits or enable user limits to reduce range of motion.

Please see Section 6 for more information about the limit commands.

2.4.5 – Unit Controls

The available unit control commands are:

CMD	DESCRIPTION	CMD	DESCRIPTION	CMD	DESCRIPTION
R	Reset	F	Query feedback mode	DS	Default save
RD	Disable reset	FV	Enable verbose feedback	DR	Restore saved settings
RT	Reset tilt ³	FT	Enable terse feedback	DF	Restore factory defaults
RP	Reset pan ³	V	Query firmware version	EE	Enable host cmd. echo
RE	Reset both axes ⁴	E	Query echo mode	ED	Disable host cmd. echo

NOTES

3: Subsequent resets and any power-on reset will only affect this axis.

4: This also enables reset on power-up.

Please see Section 7 for more information about the unit commands.

2.4.6 – Power

The available power commands are:

CMD	DESCRIPTION	CMD	DESCRIPTION	CMD	DESCRIPTION
PH	Query pan hold power	THL	Tilt hold power low	TM	Query tilt move power
PHR	Pan hold power regular	THO	Tilt hold power off	TMH	Tilt move power high
PHL	Pan hold power low	PM	Query pan move power	TMR	Tilt move power regular
PHO	Pan hold power off	PMH	Pan move power high	TML	Tilt move power low
TH	Query tilt hold power	PMR	Pan move power regular	O	Query VDC and temp
THR	Tilt hold power regular	PML	Pan move power low		

Please see Section 8 for more information about the power commands.

2.4.7 – Serial & Expanded I/O

The available serial and Expanded I/O commands are:

CMD	DESCRIPTION	CMD	DESCRIPTION	CMD	DESCRIPTION
@	Serial port settings	_<id>	Unit select	JE	Joystick enable
@A	Channel A	U	Query network ID	JD	Joystick disable
@B	Channel B				

Please see:

- Section 9 for more information about the host serial commands.
- Section 10 for more information about the expanded I/O commands.

2.4.8 – Step Modes

The available step mode commands are:

CMD	DESCRIPTION	CMD	DESCRIPTION	CMD	DESCRIPTION
WP	Query pan step mode	WPE	Pan axis eighth step	WTH	Tilt axis half step
WPF	Pan axis full step	WPA	Pan axis auto-step	WTQ	Tilt axis quarter step
WPH	Pan axis half step	WT	Query tilt step mode	WTE	Tilt axis eighth step
WPQ	Pan axis quarter step	WTF	Tilt axis full step	WTA	Tilt axis auto-step

Please see Section 11 for more information about the step mode commands.

2.4.9 – Serial Network

The available PTU serial network command is: U. Please see Section 12 for more information about this command.

2.4.10 – IP Network

The available IP network commands are:

CMD	DESCRIPTION	CMD	DESCRIPTION	CMD	DESCRIPTION
NA	MAC address	NMS	Network mode static	NN	Network host name
NI	IP address	NMD	Network mode dynamic	NS	Network mask
NM	Query network mode				

Please see Section 13 for more information about the IP network commands.

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3 – Position

This chapter describes the available PTU position commands and queries.

3.1 – Absolute Position

Specify or query the absolute pan or tilt axis position. Desired positions can be changed on-the-fly without waiting for previous position commands to complete.

3.1.1 – Commands

The available absolute position commands/queries are:

- PP
- TP

3.1.2 – Syntax

- Query current absolute pan position: PP<delim>
- Set desired absolute pan position: PP<position><delim>
- Query current absolute tilt position: TP<delim>
- Set desired absolute tilt position: TP<position><delim>

3.1.3 – Example

The following command sequence sends the pan axis to the left, waits, then sends it to the right:

```
PP-2500 *  
A *  
PP * Current Pan position is -2500  
PP2500 *  
A *  
PP * Current Pan position is 2500
```

3.1.4 – See Also

Please refer to the following sections for more information:

- Position (relative offset and desired position queries): Section 3.2
- Position resolution (units): Section 3.3
- Position limits: Section 3.4
- Position execution modes: Section 3.6 and Section 3.7.
- Position limit enforcement modes: Section 3.5

3.2 – Offset Position

Specify the desired pan or tilt axis position as an offset relative to the current position, or query the current axis position. You may change desired offset positions on the fly without waiting for previous position commands to complete.

3.2.1 – Commands

The available offset position commands/queries are:

- PO
- TO



Note: Standard E Series PTUs may not support offset commands. E Series PTUs with optional hard stops installed may support these commands.



3.2.2 – Syntax

- Query desired pan position: PO<delim>
- Set desired offset pan position: PO<position><delim>
- Query desired tilt position: TO<delim>
- Set desired offset tilt position: TO<position><delim>

3.2.3 – Example

The following command sequence sends the pan axis to position -500, then sends it 1500 positions to the left of position -500:

```
PP-500 *
A *
PO * Current Pan position is -500
PO1500 *
A *
PP * Current Pan position is 1000
```

3.2.4 – See Also

- Position resolution (units): Section 3.3
- Position limits: Section 3.4
- Position execution modes: Section 3.6 and Section 3.7
- Position limit enforcement modes: Section 3.5

3.3 – Resolution per Position

This query returns the axis resolution per position moved in seconds of arc.



Note: A degree of arc is divided into 60 minutes of arc, and each minute of arc is further divided into 60 seconds of arc. A degree of arc therefore contains 3600 seconds of arc, and each second of arc is equal to 1/3600 of a degree or 0.0002778°.

3.3.1 – Commands

The available resolution per position queries are:

- PR
- TR

3.3.2 – Syntax

- Query pan resolution: PR<delim>
- Query tilt resolution: TR<delim>

3.3.3 – Example

To pan the PTU 21.3 degrees to the left:

```
PR * 92.5714 seconds arc per position
PO828 *
```

To calculate the number of degrees per position, use the formula Resolution/3600. In this example, each position equals 0.025714°, which is 92.5714/3600.

Dividing the number of degrees you want to move the PTU by the number of degrees per position yields the number of positions to move the PTU. Using this resolution, if you want to pan the PTU 21.3° left from its current position, you must first translate the desired number of degrees into positions. Dividing 21.3 by 0.025714 yields 828 positions.

3.3.4 – See Also

Step Modes: Section 11

3.4 – Limit Position Queries

These queries return the axis position limits (either factory set or user limits). Please refer to your PTU *User Manual* for more information about limits.

3.4.1 – Commands

The available limit position queries are

- PN
- PX

- TN
- TX

3.4.2 – Syntax

- Query minimum pan position: PN<delim>
- Query maximum pan position: PX<delim>
- Query minimum tilt position: TN<delim>
- Query maximum tilt position: TX<delim>

3.4.3 – Example

The following query sequence enables limits, resets the PTU, queries the pan and tilt axis limits, and then attempts to pan the PTU beyond its limits to return an error message.

```
LE *
RE *
PN * Minimum Pan position is -3090
PX * Maximum Pan position is 3090
TN * Minimum Tilt position is -907
TX * Maximum Tilt position is 604
PP3200 ! Maximum allowable Pan position is 3090
```

3.4.4 – See Also

- Position resolution (units): Section 3.3
- Achieving larger axis bounds: Section 6

3.5 – Position Limit Enforcement

Determines whether position commands beyond the detected pan axis limits are allowable. When limits are enabled (default), commands outside of the limits return an error message and are not executed. In this mode, the PTU only reaches limits when it has lost synchronization, a condition that requires a unit reset (see Section 7.1). The PTU displays !P on the host computer port when it reaches its pan axis limits and !T when it reaches its tilt axis limits.



Note: You may see one or multiple !P or !T errors. This is normal behavior.

3.5.1 – Commands

- L
- LD
- LE

3.5.2 – Syntax

- Query current pan position limit mode: L<delim>
- Enable pan position limits: LE<delim>
- Disable pan position limits: LD<delim>

3.5.3 – Example

This command sequence queries the current limit status and maximum pan limit, attempts to pan the PTU beyond its pan limit to return an error message, then disables limits and repeats the pan command, which now executes successfully because of the disabled limits.

```
L * Limit bounds are ENABLED (soft limits enabled)
PX * Maximum Pan position is 3090
PP3200 ! Maximum allowable Pan position is 3090
LD *
PP3200 *
A *
PP * Current Pan position is 3200
```

3.5.4 – See Also

Position commands: Section 3.1 and Section 3.2

3.6 – Immediate Position Execution

Instructs the PTU to immediately execute positional commands. This is the default mode. When switching from slaved execution mode (see Section 3.7), any queued commands will be executed.

3.6.1 – Commands

- I

3.6.2 – Syntax

- Enable immediate execution mode: I<delim>

3.6.3 – Example

This command sequence enables immediate execution mode and then sends a pan command to the PTU, which will begin moving immediately.

```
I *
PP1000 *
```

3.6.4 – See Also

Alternative slaved position execution mode: Section 3.7

3.7 – Slaved Position Execution

Instructs the PTU to only execute positional commands only after an Await Position Completion command is executed (see Section 3.8) or when put into Immediate Execution mode (see Section 3.6). This mode is useful when you need coordinated pan and tilt axis movements.

3.7.1 – Commands

- S

3.7.2 – Syntax

- To enable slaved execution mode: S<delim>

3.7.3 – Example

This command sequence changes the position execution mode, move the axes to specified positions, then adds an Await Position Completion command to move the PTU in both axes simultaneously:

```
DR *
S *
PP1500 *
TP-900 *
PP * Current Pan position is 0
TP * Current Tilt position is 0
A *
PP * Current Pan position is 1500
TP * Current Tilt position is -900
```

3.7.4 – See Also

Alternative immediate position execution mode: Section 3.6

3.8 – Await Position Completion

Awaits the completion of the most recently issued pan and tilt axis position commands. Use this command to coordinate axis motions.

3.8.1 – Commands

- A

3.8.2 – Syntax

- To command the PTU to await the completion of previous position commands: A<delim>

3.8.3 – Example

This commands sequence instructs the pan axis to move to a position, then move to another position:

```
I *
PP * Current Pan position is 0
PP2000 *
A *
PP * Current Pan position is 2000
PP0 *
A *
PP * Current Pan position is 0
```

Compare the previous example to this one, in which the PTU will begin to move to the first position and then, while still in transit, begin moving to the second position (an “on-the-fly” position change):

```
I *
PP * Current Pan position is 0
PP2000 *
PP0 *
```

3.8.4 – See Also

You may use this command with either:

- Immediate Position Execution mode: Section 3.6
- Slaved Position Execution mode: Section 3.7

3.9 – Halt

Immediately decelerates and halts PTU movement.

3.9.1 – Commands

- H

3.9.2 – Syntax

- Halt all PTU movement in both axes: H<delim>
- Halt pan axis movement only: HP<delim>
- Halt tilt axis movement only: HT<delim>

3.9.3 – Example

This command sequence pans the PTU to the right and then to the left. The PTU must be in motion for you to see the H command in action.

```
PP2500 *  
A *  
PP-2500
```

Enter the following command while the PTU is moving:

```
H *  
PP * Current pan position is <pos>
```

(where <pos> is the current pan position, which will be between 2500 and -2500)

3.9.4 – See Also

You may use this command with either:

- Immediate Position Execution mode: Section 3.6
- Slaved Position Execution mode: Section 3.7

3.10 – Monitor (Auto-scan)

This command defines and initiates repetitive PTU monitoring (auto-scanning). Auto-scanning stops immediately and the PTU returns to its home position upon receiving a character from the host computer.

3.10.1 – Commands

- M
- ME
- MD
- MQ

3.10.2 – Syntax

- Initiate monitoring (pan axis only): M<pan pos 1>,<pan pos 2><delim>
- Initiate monitoring (both axes): M<pan pos 1>,<pan pos 2>,<tilt pos 1>,<tilt pos 2><delim>
- Initiate the last-defined monitor command: M<delim>



Note: The power-up monitoring default is the most recently saved auto-scan mode.

- Begin monitoring: M<delim>

- Enable monitor at power-up: ME<delim>
- Disable monitor at power-up: MD<delim>
- Query power-up monitor status: MQ<delim>

3.10.3 – Example

Executing the following command at power-up starts the PTU scanning between its most recently saved default limits:

M *

To stop scanning and return the PTU to the home position:

<delim>

This example enables pan axis monitoring between the specified positions:

M-2500,100 *

This example enables pan and tilt monitoring between the specified positions:

M-2500,100,-800,600 *

This example enables tilt axis monitoring between the specified positions:

M0,0,-300,300 *

3.10.4 – See Also

Limit Position Queries (Section 3.4)

3.11 – Position Presets

Position preset functionality is provided for backward compatibility with legacy CCTV applications. E Series PTUs support 33 position presets, which allow you to command the PTU to a position using any standard motion-control commands and then store that position as a preset numbered from 0 to 32. You can then command the PTU to any previously stored preset using a “Go to” command. Presets are retained when the PTU is powered down.



Note: When moving to a preset, the PTU will follow the currently set motion parameters such as acceleration, base rate, etc.

3.11.1 – Commands

- XS
- XG
- XC

3.11.2 – Syntax

- Set preset: XS<index><delim>
- Go to preset: XG<index><delim>
- Clear Preset: XC<index><delim>

In the above examples, <index> is the number of the stored preset position. Valid index numbers are integers between 0 and 32.

3.11.3 – Example

The following command sequence sets the PTU to position 500/400, store that position as preset 0, move the PTU to position 600/800, and then return it to the previously stored preset 0 position.

```
PP500 *  
TP400 *  
A *  
XS0 *  
PP600 *  
TP800 *  
A *  
XG0
```

4 – Speed Control

Each PTU combines precise position control with precise speed and acceleration control. This allows you to quickly and accurately predict any given PTU position at any given time.

- The base (start-up) speed is the instantaneous velocity that the PTU axis can achieve without losing synchronization when starting from a full stop. Base speed capabilities are more a function of the motors rather than load characteristics.
- The upper speed limit is the maximum speed that the PTU axis can achieve.
- Motors lose torque as speed increases and acceleration is therefore necessary to achieve speeds above the base rate. The PTU uses trapezoidal acceleration and deceleration for speeds between the base and maximum speed, meaning that acceleration and deceleration occur at the same rate. Acceleration is measured in positions per second per second. For example, a PTU accelerating from 500 positions per second at a rate of 150 positions per second per second will be moving at 650 positions per second after one second, 800 positions per second after two seconds, etc.

Figure 1 (next page) displays the relationships between lower (base) speed limits, upper speed limits, and velocity changes (acceleration) under three scenarios from left to right:

- In the first scenario, a PTU axis starts at the base speed and accelerates to a desired constant speed (slew rate) which it holds for some time before decelerating to the base rate.
- In the second scenario, additional speed changes are required that are below the base speed. The PTU instantaneously changes speed.
- In the third scenario, the PTU does not have enough time to accelerate to the desired slew speed before having to decelerate to stop at the desired position.

The upper speed, base speed, and acceleration parameters are interrelated. Depending on how one or more of these parameters are set, attempting to set another parameter may return an error. For example, the defined base and upper speeds may make certain acceleration settings impossible; changing the base and upper speeds may then make your desired acceleration feasible. The PTU returns an error message when necessary.

The PTU allows on-the-fly position, speed, and directional changes. When changing direction on-the-fly, the PTU manages all deceleration, direction reversal, and acceleration to achieve the most recently specified target speed and acceleration rates.

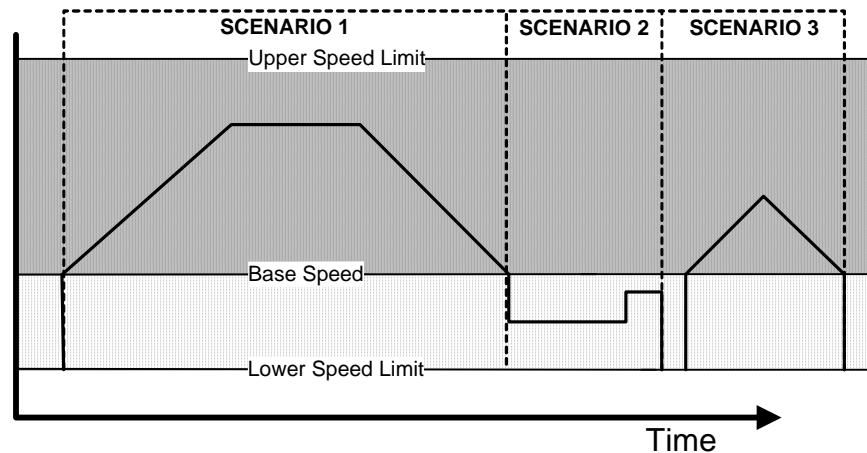


Figure 1: Axis Speed during On-The-Fly Desired Speed and Position Changes

4.1 – Absolute Speed

Specify the desired axis speed in positions per second, or query the desired speed for the selected axis. Speed is the rate at which the PTU moves to execute movement commands. You can change speeds on-the-fly. Speed commands outside the speed bounds return an error and are not executed.

4.1.1 – Commands

- PS
- TS

4.1.2 – Syntax

- Query desired pan speed: PS<delim>
- Set desired pan speed: PS<positions/sec><delim>
- Query desired tilt speed: TS<delim>
- Set desired tilt speed: TS<positions/sec><delim>

4.1.3 – Example

The following command sequence instructs the pan axis to move to the far left, then slowly move right and speed up on-the-fly:

```
I *
PS1900 *
PP2600 *
A *
PS600 *
PP-2600 *
PS1900 *
```

4.1.4 – See Also

- Position commands: Section 3.1 and Section 3.2
- Position resolution (units): Section 3.3
- Speed bounds: Section 4.5

4.2 – Relative Speed

Specify desired axis speed in positions per second relative to the current speed, or query the current axis speed. The relative speed (change or delta) is measured in positions per second relative to the speed before the command is issued. For example, if the PTU is moving at 1,000 positions per second, adding a delta of 300 using a relative speed command will increase the speed to 1,300 positions per second. You can change speeds on-the-fly. Speed changes that will result in a speed outside the speed bounds return an error and are not executed.

4.2.1 – Commands

- PD
- TD

4.2.2 – Syntax

- Query current pan speed: PD<delim>
- Set desired delta (offset) pan speed: PD<positions/sec><delim>
- Query current tilt speed: TD<delim>
- Set desired delta (offset) tilt speed: TD<positions/sec><delim>

4.2.3 – Example

The following command sequence instructs the pan axis to move to the far left, then slowly move right, decrease speed on-the-fly by -150 positions/ second, and then query the current speed:

```
I *
PS1900 *
PP2600 *
A *
PS600 *
PP-2600 *
PD-150 *
PD * Current Pan speed is 450 positions/sec
```

4.2.4 – See Also

- Position commands: Section 3.1 and Section 3.2
- Position resolution (units): Section 3.3
- Speed bounds: Section 4.5

4.3 – Acceleration

Specify or query axis acceleration and deceleration for speeds above the base speed.

Acceleration is specified in positions per second per second.



Note: The PTU requires several seconds to re-compute the internal tables used to rapidly execute speed ramping when calculating acceleration and deceleration. Acceleration therefore cannot be changed on-the-fly. If the PTU is moving and you attempt to change the acceleration, the PTU will immediately slow to a halt.

4.3.1 – Commands

- PA
- TA

4.3.2 – Syntax

- Query desired pan acceleration: PA<delim>
- Set desired pan acceleration: PA<positions/sec2><delim>
- Query desired tilt acceleration: TA<delim>
- Set desired tilt acceleration: TA<positions/sec2><delim>

4.3.3 – Example

The following command sequence illustrates different rates of acceleration:

```
PA * Pan acceleration is 2000 positions/sec/sec
PB * Current Pan base speed is 1000 positions/sec
PU * Maximum Pan speed is 2902 positions/sec
A *
PP0 *
PS1900 *
PP2600 *
A *
PA1500 *
PP0 *
A *
```

4.3.4 – See Also

Position resolution (units): Section 3.3

4.4 – Base (Start-Up) Speed

Specify or query the axis base (start-up) speed, in positions per second. The default base speed is 0 positions per second.



Note: The PTU requires several seconds to re-compute the internal tables used to rapidly execute speed ramping when calculating speeds. The base speed therefore cannot be changed on-the-fly. If the PTU is moving and you attempt to change the base speed, the PTU will immediately slow to a halt.

4.4.1 – Commands

- PB
- TB

4.4.2 – Syntax

- Query desired pan base speed: PB<delim>
- Set desired pan base speed: PB<positions/sec><delim>
- Query desired tilt base speed: TB<delim>
- Set desired tilt base speed: TB<positions/sec><delim>

4.4.3 – Example

The following command sequence homes the pan axis, moves it far left, changes the base rate, then moves back to home:

```
I *
PP0 *
PB * Current Pan base speed is 0 positions/sec
PP2600 *
A *
PB1000 *
PP0 *
A *
```

4.4.4 – See Also

- Position resolution (units): Section 3.3
- Acceleration: Section 4.3
- Speed bounds: Section 4.5

4.5 – Speed Bounds

Set and query the upper and lower speed bounds for desired speed commands.



Note: The PTU requires several seconds to re-compute the internal tables used to rapidly execute speed ramping when calculating speeds. The upper speed bound therefore cannot be changed on-the-fly. If the PTU is moving and you attempt to change the upper speed, the PTU will immediately slow to a halt.

4.5.1 – Commands

- PU
- PL
- TU
- TL

4.5.2 – Syntax

- Query upper pan speed limit: PU<delim>
- Set upper pan speed limit: PU <positions/sec><delim>
- Query lower pan speed limit: PL<delim>
- Set lower pan speed limit: PL<positions/sec><delim>
- Query upper tilt speed limit: TU<delim>
- Set upper tilt speed limit: TU<positions/sec><delim>
- Query lower tilt speed limit: TL<delim>
- Set lower tilt speed limit: TL<positions/sec><delim>

4.5.3 – Example

This command sequence queries the upper and lower pan speeds and attempts to exceed those limits in order to return an error message.

```
PU * Maximum Pan speed is 1985 positions/sec
PS3300 ! Pan speed cannot exceed 1985 positions/sec
PS1985 *
PL * Minimum Pan speed is 31 positions/sec
PL20 ! Motor speed cannot be less than 31 pos/sec
PL40 *
```

4.5.4 – See Also

Position resolution (units): Section 3.3

4.6 – Speed Control Modes

PTU position and speed control are independently controlled by default. In this mode, speed commands represent unsigned magnitudes that determine how fast the PTU travels between independently commanded positions while not affecting the commanded positions themselves. This mode is appropriate for both

- pure position control methods (when pan-tilt control is affected solely by commanding pan-tilt position), and
- hybrid position-velocity control methods (when both pan-tilt positions and the rate at which the PTU travels between them are controlled).



Note: E Series PTUs can be set to “pure” velocity control mode when user limits are specified.

Your PTU also supports controlling pan and tilt via a “pure” velocity-control mode that uses signed changes in the commanded axis speed. In this mode, the speed command is a signed value where the sign determines the direction of movement and the value determines the speed of movement in that direction, as follows:

- If the commanded speed is negative, the axis is automatically commanded to the minimum axis position.
- If the commanded speed is positive, the axis is automatically commanded to the maximum axis position.
- If the commanded speed is 0, axis movement is halted.

In “pure” velocity control mode, issuing a speed command for a given axis effectively overrides any position commands that are currently being executed. By default, the PTU defaults to the independent control mode on power-up; the speed control mode is not saved when the PTU powers down.

4.6.1 – Commands

- C
- CI
- CV

4.6.2 – Syntax

- Query the current speed control mode: `C<delim>`
- Set to independent control mode (default): `CI<delim>`
- Set to “pure” velocity control mode: `CV<delim>`

4.6.3 – Example

This command sequence places the PTU into the default independent control mode and pans to position -3000 at a rate of 1,000 positions per second. When placed into the “pure” velocity control mode, the PTU will finish on the opposite pan side. The factory restore (DF) command restores independent control mode.

```
CI *
PS1000 *
PP-3000 *
A *
CV *
PP-3000 *
PS1000 *
A *
PP * Current pan position is <pos>
DF *
RE *
```

(where <pos> is the current pan position)

4.6.4 – See Also

- Position commands: Section 3.1 and Section 3.2
- Speed commands: Section 4.1 and Section 4.2

5 – Continuous Axis Rotation

The PTU-D300, PTU-D100, and PTU-D48 (with optional slip-ring) support continuous rotation in both of the control modes described in Section 4.6. This section describes the command syntax and semantics that support continuous axis rotation. You do not need to disable limits in order to enable continuous rotation.

5.1 – Continuous Rotation[Ⓔ]

These commands allow you to enable or disable continuous (360-degree) pan rotation.

5.1.1 – Commands

- PCE
- PCD



Note: These commands supersede the previous %%1CPT command. Executing this command on an E Series PTU will return an error message. E Series PTUs compute the fastest safe reset speed based on user-specified parameters such as limits, speed, acceleration, etc.

5.1.2 – Syntax

- To enable continuous pan rotation: PCE<delim>
- To disable continuous pan rotation: PCD<delim>

5.1.3 – Example

This command sequence disables continuous panning, resets the pan axis, queries the pan minimum and maximum limits, then enables continuous panning and starts continuous rotation at a speed of 1,000 positions per second.

```
PCD *  
RP *  
PN * Minimum Pan position is - 6999  
PX * Maximum Pan position is 7000  
PCE *  
CV *  
PS1000 *
```

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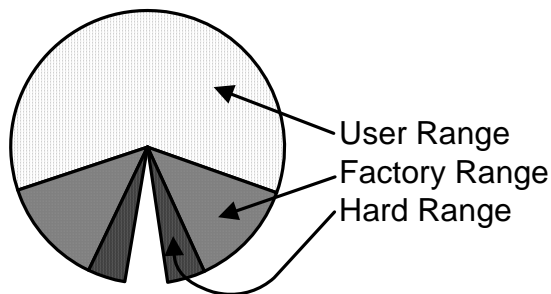
6 – User Defined Limits

E Series PTUs allow user-defined limits on commanded positions. The PTU must perform a power up calibration to establish its axis coordinates, after which the user-defined limits restrict all subsequent movement commands for that axis to the specified allowable range of motion. When user limits are activated, movements commanded outside those limits will return an error message.

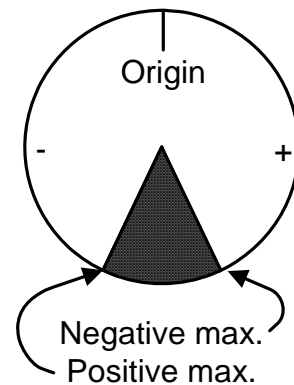
Factory limits define the possible range of motion allowed for an axis when limits are enabled, and that axis cannot travel beyond those limits. User-defined limits are a subset of factory limits that can be defined by issuing commands to the PTU. You can store user limits and have the PTU restore them on power-up. User limits must contain an origin (0), which means that you cannot set a minimum position above 0 or a maximum position below 0.



Note: If your PTU has an internal slip-ring, it is capable of full 360-degree pan motion.



**Non-Overlapping,
Non-Continuous
Range of Motion**



**Overlapping
Range of Motion**

Figure 2: Range of motion and limits

6.1 – Position Limit Queries

Query both factory and user axis position limits.

6.1.1 – Commands

- PN
- PX
- TN

- TX
- PNU
- PXU
- TNU
- TXU

6.1.2 – Syntax

- Query minimum pan factory/user limit position: PN<delim>
- Query maximum pan factory/user limit position: PX<delim>
- Query minimum tilt factory/user limit position: TN<delim>
- Query maximum tilt factory/user limit position: TX<delim>
- Query minimum pan user defined limit position: PNU<delim>
- Query maximum pan user defined limit position: PXU<delim>
- Query minimum tilt user defined limit position: TNU<delim>
- Query maximum tilt user defined limit position: TXU<delim>
- Set minimum pan user defined limit position: PNU<value><delim>
- Set maximum pan user defined limit position: PXU<value><delim>
- Set minimum tilt user defined limit position: TNU<value><delim>
- Set maximum tilt user defined limit position: TXU<value><delim>



Note: The PN, PX, TN, and TX commands return either factory limits (if user limits are not enabled) or user limits (if user limits are enabled).

6.1.3 – Example

This command sequence resets the PTU to factory defaults, queries the limits for each axis, then commands a movement beyond the specified limits to return an error message and queries the user-defined minimum pan position.

```
R *
PN * Minimum Pan position is -3090
PX * Maximum Pan position is 3090
TN * Minimum Tilt position is -907
TX * Maximum Tilt position is 604
LE *
PP3200 ! Maximum allowable Pan position is 3090
PNU * Minimum Pan user defined position is -1000
```


6.1.4 – See Also

- Position resolution (units): Section 3.3
- Achieving larger axis bounds: Section 6.2

6.2 – Position Limit Enforcement

These commands specify whether position commands beyond the factory or user-defined limits are allowable.



Note: Factory limits are enabled and enforced by default.

When limits are enabled, commands beyond those limits return an error message and are not executed.

When factory limits are enabled, the PTU will only reach those limits when it has lost synchronization. This error condition requires a unit reset, as described in Section 7.1. A PTU that reaches a factory limit sends `!P` or `!T` to the serial port to indicate that the specified limit was hit.



Note: You may see one or multiple `!P` or `!T` errors. This is normal behavior.

You may disable limit enforcement when larger operational pan ranges are required, as described in Section 5. The PTU accepts positional commands beyond the specified limits when limits are disabled.

Enabling user-defined limits triggers an error message when the PTU is commanded to positions beyond those limits. The PTU respects user limits in both independent and “pure” velocity modes, as described in Section 4.6.

6.2.1 – Commands

- L
- LE
- LU
- LD
- PN
- PX
- TN
- TX

6.2.2 – Syntax

- Query current limit enforcement: L<delim>
- Enable factory limits: LE<delim>
- Enable user defined limits: LU<delim>
- Disable limit enforcement: LD<delim>
- Set minimum pan user defined limit: PN<panpos><delim> <status>
- Set maximum pan user defined limit: PX<panpos><delim> <status>
- Set minimum tilt user defined limit: TN<tiltpos><delim> <status>
- Set maximum tilt user defined limit: TX<tiltpos><delim> <status>



Note: User-defined limits must be within the factory limit range.

6.2.3 – Example

This command sequence resets the PTU, queries the pan axis limits, sets user pan axis limits, enables limit enforcement, commands the PTU beyond pan limits to return an error message, enables user limit enforcement, and queries the pan position after the PTU finishes panning to come within the user limits.



Note: In this example, the PTU pan position is beyond the specified user limit. In The PTU therefore automatically pans to the appropriate user limit when user limit enforcement is enabled.

```
R *
PN * Minimum Pan position is -3090
PX * Maximum Pan position is 3090
PNU-1000 *
PNU * Minimum user defined Pan Position is -1000
PXU1500 *
PXU * Maximum user defined Pan Position is 1500
LE *
L * Limit bounds are ENABLED
PP-3000 *
A *
PP * Current Pan position is -3000
PP3200 ! Maximum allowable Pan position is 3090
LU *
L * Limit user defined bounds are enabled
```

A *

PP * Current Pan position is -1000

6.2.4 – See Also

Position commands: Section 3.1. and Section 3.2

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7 – Unit Commands

The commands and queries listed in this chapter allow you to issue “housekeeping” commands and queries to the PTU.

7.1 – Reset PTU

This command controls PTU calibration. By default, the PTU resets both axes automatically upon power-up. You may also issue a reset mode command to control how the PTU resets on power-up and allow you to reset individual axes.

A reset calibration allows the PTU to determine the home position and should therefore occur before you issue any axis position commands. A non-calibrated PTU has axis minimum and maximum positions set to 0, meaning that any position commands issued when limits are enabled (see Section 6.2) will return an error message.

Payloads beyond the PTU’s handling capacity may cause the reset to fail. Always test load-handling ability as described in your PTU *User Manual*.

7.1.1 – Commands

- R
- RD
- RT
- RP
- RE

7.1.2 – Syntax

- Perform Reset calibration: `R<delim>`

The PTU saves the following reset modes for power-up reset control:

- Disable reset upon power-up: `RD<delim>`
- Reset tilt axis only: `RT<delim>`
- Reset pan axis only: `RP<delim>`
- Reset both pan and tilt axes upon power up: `RE<delim>`



Note: Issuing an RE command followed by a DS command (see Section 7.2) restores the default of calibrating both axes at power-up.

7.1.3 – Example

This command sequence switches reset modes and performs a reset calibration between each mode change.

```
RT *  
R *  
RP *  
R *  
RD *  
R *  
RE *  
R *
```

7.2 – Default Save/Restore

Save current axis settings as defaults that are preserved when the PTU is powered up, and/or restore factory defaults.

The PTU can save and restore the following settings:

- Serial port settings (Host, CHA, CHB)
- Maximum speed
- Desired speed
- Base speed
- Acceleration
- Hold power
- Move power
- Monitor positions
- Continuous rotation mode
- Step mode
- User limits
- Echo mode



CAUTION: THE PTU SAVES DEFAULTS TO EEPROM, WHICH HAS A LIFETIME MAXIMUM NUMBER OF WRITES BEFORE MEMORY FAILURE OCCURS. WHILE IT IS VERY UNLIKELY THAT YOU WILL REACH THESE LIMITS, YOU SHOULD AVOID EXCESSIVE SAVING OF CURRENT DEFAULTS DURING THE PTU LIFE.

7.2.1 – Commands

- DS
- DR

- DF

7.2.2 – Syntax

- Save current settings as defaults: DS<delim>
- Restore stored defaults: DR<delim>
- Restore factory defaults: DF<delim>

7.3 – Echo

Specify or query whether the PTU will echo incoming commands from the host.

7.3.1 – Commands

- E
- EE
- ED

7.3.2 – Syntax

- Query current echo mode: E<delim>
- Enable host command echoing: EE<delim>
- Disable host command echoing: ED<delim>

7.3.3 – Example

This command sequence queries the pan position, disables echoing, and reattempts the query to demonstrate that echoing is disabled. (22 is not returned when the pan position is queried after disabling echoing.)

```
PP * 22
ED *
PP *
```

7.4 – Feedback

Command and query the ASCII feedback returned by PTU commands.

7.4.1 – Commands

- FV
- FT
- F

7.4.2 – Syntax

- Enable verbose ASCII feedback: FV<delim>
- Enable terse ASCII feedback: FT<delim>
- Query ASCII feedback mode: F<delim>

7.4.3 – Example

This command sequence demonstrates verbose and terse feedback, then queries the current feedback mode.

```
FV *  
PP * Current pan position is 0  
FT *  
PP * 0  
F * ASCII terse mode
```

7.5 – Controller Firmware Version

Query the PTU firmware version and copyrights.

7.5.1 – Commands

V

7.5.2 – Syntax

Query PTU firmware version: V<delim>

7.5.3 – Example

This command queries the PTU firmware version.

```
V * Pan-Tilt Controller v2.12.1d1(C14/E), (C)2003 Directed  
Perception, Inc., All Rights Reserved
```

7.6 – Voltage and Temperature Query

The PTU includes sensors for both input voltage and internal temperature.

7.6.1 – Commands

O

7.6.2 – Syntax

Query PTU voltage and internal temperature: O<delim>

7.6.3 – Example

This command queries the PTU input voltage and temperature:

```
O * Input 30 VDC @ 86 degF
```

8 – Power Control

The constant-current motors used in FLIR PTUs allow you to control power consumption using simple commands. This is useful for battery-powered operation, reducing internal temperatures, and extending motor life.

8.1 – Hold Power Mode

Set and query the current power level applied to axis motors when holding position (stationary).

Regular Power is the highest amount of hold power available because stepper motors generate significantly more holding torque than dynamic torque. This allows you to use the Low Power hold mode in most situations. If needed, you may use Regular Power hold mode for brief periods when maximum holding torque is required.



CAUTION: EXTENSIVE USE OF REGULAR POWER HOLD MODE CAN GENERATE SIGNIFICANT HEAT AND POSSIBLY SHORTEN PTU COMPONENT LIFE.

If your payload is light enough and/or suitably positioned, you may be able to shut power off completely when holding. Before doing this, verify that your payload will not back-drive the PTU when holding under all expected conditions. Back-driving causes the PTU to lose track of pan and tilt position, which requires a unit reset (See Section 7.1).



Note: Back-driving usually occurs on the tilt axis because of the higher torque loads applied by the payload.

8.1.1 – Commands

- PH
- PHR
- PHL
- PHO
- TH
- THR
- THL
- THO

8.1.2 – Syntax

- Query pan hold power mode: PH<delim>
- Regular pan hold power mode: PHR<delim>
- Low pan hold power mode: PHL<delim>
- Off pan hold power mode: PHO<delim>
- Query tilt hold power mode: TH<delim>
- Regular tilt hold power mode: PHR<delim>
- Low tilt hold power mode: PHL<delim>
- Off tilt hold power mode: PHO<delim>

8.1.3 – Example

The following command sequence queries the pan hold power mode, sets the mode to LOW, and then verifies the change.

```
PH * Pan in REGULAR hold power mode
PHL *
PH * Pan in LOW hold power mode
```

8.2 – In-Motion Power Mode

Set and query the current power level applied to axis motors when in motion (transiting).



CAUTION: THE HIGH POWER SETTING IS INTENDED ONLY FOR INTERMITTENT DUTY CYCLES (<20%). EXTENDED HIGH POWER CYCLES CAN OVERHEAT THE PTU MOTORS.

8.2.1 – Commands

- PM
- PMH
- PMR
- PML
- TM
- TMH
- TMR
- TML

8.2.2 – Syntax

- Query pan move power mode: PM<delim>
- High pan move power mode: PMH<delim>
- Regular move power mode: PMR<delim>
- Low pan move power mode: PML<delim>
- Query tilt move power mode: TM<delim>
- High tilt move power mode: TMH<delim>
- Regular tilt move power mode: TMR<delim>
- Low tilt move power mode: TML<delim>

8.2.3 – Example

The following command sequence queries the pan move power mode, sets the mode to LOW, and then verifies the change

```
PM * Pan in REGULAR move power mode
PML *
PM * Pan in LOW move power mode
```

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9 – Host Serial Port

Serial PTU communications always use the following settings:

- Start bits: 1
- Stop bits: 1
- Data bits: 8
- Handshaking: None

In addition, you may specify the following serial communications settings:

- Baud rate (up to 115200 baud; default is 9600)
- Parity (default is none)

9.1 – Baud Rate

This command specifies the baud rate for the RS-232/RS-485 serial communications between the PTU and the host computer when the PTU is not networked and has the default unit ID of 0.



Note: Serially networked PTUs automatically use the default communications settings described above.



Note: E Series PTUs do not support host byte delays. [Ⓔ]

9.1.1 – Commands

@

9.1.2 – Syntax

Specify baud and default: @(<baud>,<startup default>)<delim>

where:

- <baud> may be 600, 1200, 2400, 4800, 9600, 19200, or 115200 bits per second.
- <startup default> may be either T (to apply your specified baud at power-up) or F to use the default 9600 baud.

9.1.3 – Example

The following command sets the host serial port RS-232/RS-485 to 19200 baud with 8 data bits per byte, no parity, no handshaking, and keeps the power-up baud rate at the default 9600.

```
@(19200, F) *
```

The following command sets the host serial port RS-232/RS-485 to 19200 baud with 8 data bits per byte, no parity, no handshaking, and changes the power-up baud to 19200.

```
@(19200, T) *
```

9.1.4 – See Also

Setting the PTU controller unit ID: Section 12.1

10 – Expanded I/O

Many usage scenarios require additional serial units that are attached to or located near the PTU. These devices can be connected directly to the host computer, which requires additional serial ports on the host plus additional serial cabling.

Some E Series PTU configurations offer an optional Expanded Input/Output (EIO) option that adds CHA/CHB/TTL lines through the payload interface. Please refer to your PTU User Manual for more information about available lines and wiring.

The PTU controls serial port expansion channels. You may configure CHA and CHB RS-232 communications for expanded port baud rates, data bits, parity, and handshaking. Each channel operates independently, and the PTU fully buffers bidirectional data flow to allow for communications rate mismatch. Point-to-point communications between the PTU serial port and an expansion channel (e.g., CHB) is initiated by the host computer. Point-to-point communications is broken upon command from the host computer.

Communications from a serial device attached to an expansion serial channel is buffered by at least 200 characters. This buffer can overflow when hardware handshaking is not used; verify that attached devices do not exceed the buffer size before the host computer can read their serial data.

10.1 – Serial Communications Target

These commands establish point-to-point communications between the host computer connected to the PTU serial port and either the expanded serial port (CHA/ CHB) or PTU. Selecting an expansion port channel switches the host computer communications from the PTU to the external device connected to the selected port. To resume communications with the PTU, the host computer issues another command that selects the PTU as the desired communication target.



Note: The expansion port baud rate does not affect communications with the serial port connecting the host computer to the PTU. The default PTU serial communications baud rate is 9600.

10.1.1 – Commands

- @A
- @B

10.1.2 – Syntax

- Establish communications with CHA: @A<delim>
- Establish communications with CHB: @B<delim>

- Resume communications with the PTU controller: @<delim>

The following modified commands ensure that <# raw bytes> bytes will pass directly from the host computer to the expanded serial port without any attempt to change the communications target. This allows strings like @B to be embedded in communications between the host computer and the expanded serial port device without inadvertently breaking communications in mid-stream.

- Establish protected communications with CHA: @A<# raw bytes><delim>
- Establish protected communications with CHB: @B<# raw bytes><delim>

where <# raw bytes> is the number of bytes to follow that will be received from the host computer without being scanned for changes in the serial communications target.

10.1.3 – Example

The following command sequence establishes communications with the PTU, switches communications channels, then resumes communications with the PTU.

```
@ *
PP * Current pan position is 0
@A *
This text is sent directly to the serial device on CHA
@B *
This text is sent directly to the serial device on CHB
@A20 *
This @B text is sent to CHA without choosing CHB
@ *
PP * Current pan position is 0
```

10.1.4 – See Also

To set expanded serial port communications parameters: Section 10.2

10.2 – Expanded Serial Port

These commands specify the communications parameters for the selected expanded serial port. They do not affect communications between the PTU and the host computer.

10.2.1 – Commands

- @A
- @B

10.2.2 – Syntax

- Specify CHA parameters:
@A(<baud>,<databits>,<parity>,<handshaking>)<delim>
- Specify CHB parameters:
@B(<baud>,<databits>,<parity>,<handshaking>)<delim>

Where:

- A and B indicate RS232C expansion port CHA and CHB
- <baud> may be 300, 1200, 2400, 4800, 9600, 19200, or 115200 bits per second
- <databits> may be 7 or 8 data bits per byte
- <parity> is case insensitive and may be N (none), E (even), or O (odd)
- <handshaking> is not case sensitive and may be:
 - N: (none)
 - H: (hardware handshaking)
 - X: (XON/XOFF software handshaking)
 - F: (both hardware/software handshaking)

10.2.3 – Example

The following command sets the expansion serial port channel CHA to a baud rate of 9,600 bits/second with 8 data bits per byte, no parity, and no handshaking:

```
@A(9600,8,N,n) *
```

The following command sets the expansion serial port channel CHB to a baud rate of 19,200 bits/second with 8 data bits per byte, no parity, and hardware handshaking:

```
@B(19200,8,n,H) *
```

10.2.4 – See Also

To communicate with an expansion serial port channel: Section 10.1

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11 – Step Modes

E Series PTUs support various step modes for precise resolution control.

11.1 – Configuring Step Mode

You may configure separate step modes for the pan and tilt axes, including automatic stepping. When automatic stepping is enabled, the controller will automatically select the correct step mode based on the PTU's current speed and process all units as though the unit were in eighth-step mode while allowing the PTU to move at the higher speeds allowed by the half-step setting.

11.1.1 – Commands

W

11.1.2 – Syntax

W<axis><resolution>

where

- <axis> can be either T (Tilt axis) or P (Pan axis)
- <resolution> can be either F | H | Q | E | A (for Full, Half, Quarter, Eighth and Auto-step resolution)

11.1.3 – Example

The following command sets the Tilt axis to eighth-step resolution and recalibrates the tilt axis.

WTE *

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12 – PTU Serial Networks

This section describes the commands used to configure, set, and query the PTU serial network configuration.

12.1 – Unit Network ID

Specify or query the PTU controller network unit ID number. The default PTU unit ID is 0 when the PTU is not networked and is in the default interactive communications mode. Be sure to assign a unique unit ID number to each PTU on the network. Assigning a unit ID of 0 to a PTU places the PTU back in the default interactive (non-networked) communication mode.

12.1.1 – Commands

U

12.1.2 – Syntax

- Query current PTU network unit ID: U<delim>
- Set PTU to interactive mode (non-networked): U0<delim>
- Set PTU network unit ID: U<unit_ID><delim>

where <unit_ID> is between 1 and 127.

12.1.3 – Example

The following queries a PTU unit ID, then sets and stores the unit ID configuration so that the PTU will use the new ID number when it powers up.

```
U * Unit ID is 0
U1 *
U * Unit ID is 1
U1 *
DS *
```

12.1.4 – See Also

Unit Select/Deselect: Section 12.2

12.2 – Unit Select/Deselect

This command selects the PTU to be controlled. A PTU will execute incoming host computer commands only when the preceding `unit_ID` selected by the host is equal to either:

- The PTU's assigned unit ID
- 0



Note: A host computer can issue commands for simultaneous execution by all networked PTUs by using unit ID 0; however, only one PTU can provide feedback to the host computer at a time. A PTU only provides feedback to the host computer when its ID is selected by the computer, and buffers outgoing data until polled up to about 100 bytes.

12.2.1 – Commands

`_<unit_ID>`

12.2.2 – Syntax

- Select a PTU for bi-directional data: `_<unit_ID><delim>`
- Broadcast to all networked PTUs: `_0<delim>`

where `<unit_ID>` is between 1 and 127.

12.2.3 – Example

The following command sequence selects PTU #1, sets its pan position to 300, then selects all networked PTUs and simultaneously sets their pan positions to 300.

```
_1
PP300 *
_0
PP300
_1
*
```

12.2.4 – See Also

Unit Network ID: Section 12.1

13 – IP Network

The commands in this chapter support the Ethernet connectivity included with E Series PTUs.



Note: D series PTUs and earlier do not support Ethernet connections or the commands described in this chapter.

E Series PTUs are designed to accept an IP address assigned by a DHCP server by default. If this fails, the PTU will attempt a direct connection with the host computer. You may determine the PTU IP address using the **PTU Finder** utility included on the CD that shipped with your PTU. Please refer to your PTU *User Manual* for more information.

13.1 – MAC Address[Ⓔ]

Queries or sets the PTU Media Access Control (MAC) address.

13.1.1 – Commands

- NA

13.1.2 – Syntax

- Query current PTU MAC address: NA<delim>
- Specify PTU MAC address: NA<mac_address><delim>

Where <mac_address> is the desired MAC address. A MAC address consists of 6 pairs of hexadecimal numbers separated by colons. For example, 34:A0:CB:25:12:3E.

13.1.3 – Example

The following code sequence queries the PTU MAC address, changes that address, and verifies that the change has occurred.

```
NA * MAC address is D9:38:E8:21:94:AF
NA34:A0:CB:25:12:3E *
NA * MAC address is 34:A0:CB:25:12:3E
```

13.2 – IP Address[Ⓔ]

Queries or sets the PTU Internet Protocol (IP) address.

13.2.1 – Commands

- NI

13.2.2 – Syntax

- Query current PTU IP address: NI<delim>
- Specify PTU IP address: NI<ip_address><delim>

Where <ip_address> is the desired IP address. An IP address consists of 4 groups of 1-3 decimal numbers separated by periods, such as 192.168.1.1.

13.2.3 – Example

The following code sequence queries the PTU IP address, changes that address, and verifies that the change has occurred.

```
NI * IP address is 192.168.1.1
NI10.0.0.3 *
NI * IP address is 10.0.0.3
```

13.3 – Network Mode[Ⓔ]

Queries or sets the network IP addressing mode. In static mode, the PTU has a fixed IP address that can be specified using the NI command. In dynamic mode, the PTU accepts an IP address assigned by a Dynamic Host Control Protocol (DHCP) server. Many Ethernet routers contain DHCP servers.

13.3.1 – Commands

- NM
- NMD
- NMS

13.3.2 – Syntax

- Query current PTU network mode: NM<delim>
- Specify dynamic network mode: NMD<delim>
- Specify static network mode: NMS<delim>

13.3.3 – Example

The following code sequence queries the network mode, queries the PTU IP address, switches the network mode to dynamic, and then queries the PTU IP address again.

```
NM * Network mode is static
NI * IP address is 192.168.1.1
NMD *
NI * IP address is 10.0.0.3
```


13.4 – Network Host Name[Ⓔ]

Query or specify a network host name for the PTU

13.4.1 – Commands

NN

13.4.2 – Syntax

- Query the PTU host name: NN<delim>
- Specify the PTU host name: NN<hostname><delim>

Where <hostname> is the name of the PTU (such as D48).

13.4.3 – Example

The following command sequence queries the PT host name, specifies a new name, and then verifies the change.

```
NN * Current host name is D48
NN UNIT1 *
NN* Current host name is UNIT1
```

13.5 – Network Mask[Ⓔ]

Query or specify a PTU network (subnet) mask. A subnet mask determines the subnet an IP address belongs to.

13.5.1 – Commands

NS

13.5.2 – Syntax

- Query PTU network mask: NS<delim>
- Specify PTU network mask: MS<subnet><delim>

where <subnet> is the desired network mask. A network mask consists of 4 groups of 1-3 decimal numbers separated by periods. For example, 255.255.255.0.

13.5.3 – Example

This command sequence queries the PTU network mask, specifies a new network mask, and then verifies the change.

```
NS * The network mask is 255.255.0.0
NS255.255.255.0 *
NS * The network mask is 255.255.255.0
```

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